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## MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM:

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Chief, Planning Staff

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SUBJECT:

24 March Meeting [redacted]

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1. [redacted] and I met with [redacted] and various other [redacted] officials, including [redacted] went through a presentation that was similar to the one he gave you. His planning methodology appears to be centered essentially around the projection of historic fiscal trends into the future, an approach that seems to be of some utility to Defense Department management in the programming and budgeting area, once fundamental strategic decisions have been made. As I have noted before, the relevance of this approach to the development of a strategic plan either here, or for that matter in the Defense Department, seems to be marginal. STAT

2. I gave a brief rundown of the basic features of our long-range planning process and its rationale and asked the [redacted] officials to think about ways that they could help us in two areas: STAT

- a. To identify likely changes in the world scene over the next ten years that would affect our planning, and
- b. To identify changes in US policies, technologies, or capabilities that we should take into account in planning.

The [redacted], particularly the former CIA officers, understand our approach and said they would think about the questions that I had posed and see if they had anything to offer in this regard. STAT

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